CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1987 AT 9:00 A.M. IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), Vice-Dean P. Albert, Dr. J. Doukas, Dr. P. Fazio, Hans Fotouhinia, Dean R. Parker, Dr. P. Shizgal, Ronda Stoller, Dean M.N.S. Swamy, Dean M. Szabo, Audrey J. Williams, Stella Bulzan (secretary)

Absent:

Dr. D. Pariser, Dr. C. Ross

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

SRC-87-02-05-D4	NSERC STRATEGIC GRANTS PROGRAM - 1987-88 COMPETITION
SRC-87-02-05-D5	SCIENCE COUNCIL OF CANADA - WINNING IN A WORLD ECONOMY
SRC-87-02-05-D6	INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH FUNDS
SRC-87-02-05-D7	DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL RESEARCH FUNDS, ARTS & SCIENCE
SRC-87-02-05-D8	SSHRC - PROGRAM INFORMATION - MATCHING POLICY RULES
SRC-87-02-05-D9	SSHRC - PROGRAM INFORMATION - GENERAL RESEARCH GRANTS
SRC-87-02-05-D10	RESPONSE TO THE PLAN TRIENNAL DES FONDS FCAR

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the chair.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 Dr. Shizgal made correction to Minutes of 03-12-86. He had mentioned possible partition of capital budget, and not of capital campaign.

1.2 Dean Parker suggested an addition to Agenda: Thursday Report article of 22-01-87 "A New Man in a New Job".

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1.3 New members Ronda Stoller and Hans Fotouhinia were introduced and Chair gave a synopsis of Committee's ongoing items.

1.4 It was moved and seconded (Szabo, Fazio) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Senate Research Committee Meeting of December 3, 1986 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A/ Canada Research Fellows

2.1 Chair discussed Concordia being awarded three Canada Research Fellowships from SSHRC on the basis of six nominations.
Presentations have been prepared and given to Capital Campaign office for them to approach various contacts.

2.2 General response from private sector to this will determine number of applications submitted in future.

2.3 Audrey J. Williams reported that Dr. L.A. Giraldeau was awarded an NSERC University Research Fellowship; his nomination was submitted by our Biology Department.

B/ Computer Resources

2.1 Chair informed Committee that Ivan Fuchs, Director of Computer Centre, is planning research requirements for computing. Mr. Fuchs has been invited to attend next Senate Research Committee meeting.

C/ Report from Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Document SRC-87-02-05-D5 was circulated (Science Council of Canada) for members' information.

2.2 Announcement regarding the University's implementation of employment equity for contract bids over $200,000 was made.

2.3 As co-chair of the Capital Campaign, she obtained the Daring to Excel Capital Campaign video, which was presented to the Committee.

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D/ Chair's Notes

- Chair informed Committee that ACFAS Prize Nomination was completed for Dr. Serge Gracovetsky.
- Canadian Higher Education Foundation nomination was made for CBS Director Dr. P. Fazio. This nomination was carried out by the Chair and the Dean of Engineering.
- Chair referred to Document SRC-87-02-05-D4 (NSERC Strategic Grants Program) and stated that NSERC decided to preserve Environmental Toxicology program, and that strategic areas are more likely to become more broadly defined in future.
- Chair noted that two meetings would be held in the next two weeks regarding SSHRC and NSERC Strategic grants. These meetings are primarily for potential applicants.
- List of names for the Community Consultative Committee still remains open. Social Sciences is to date without representation. A.J. Williams suggested Dr. J. Rokacs, Director of Research, Merck Frosst Labs as a representative from pharmaceutical industry; Dean Szabo suggested approaching journalists as a representative group.
- Chair stated that Senate has approved two members from Humanities and Computer Sciences for Senate Research Committee and asked members' opinions as to the selection process. Committee members will submit a list of suggestions to Chair by February 13, 1987.
- Chair informed members of Board of Governor's decision to name Alan B. Gold Concordia's new Chancellor and to renominate Dr. Swamy as Dean of Engineering.

III. INTERNALLY DISTRIBUTED RESEARCH FUNDS (supported by documents SRC-87-02-05-D6; SRC-87-02-05-D7; and SRC-87-02-05-D8)

3.1 Chair reviewed document SRC-87-02-05-D6 (Internal Distribution of Research Funds).
Amount of money coming back to Concordia needing to be specifically identified was discussed. Chair stated that first task must be to identify what Senate Research Committee's role is and establish a general policy. Once this is done, a recommendation should be made to Senate with respect to guidelines and priorities.
Chair suggested that a formula be developed such as those circulated among faculties (SRC-87-02-05-D7).

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3.2 Discussion continued as to what priorities should be. It was agreed by Committee that the "functions" be sub-divided into two groups: Items 1,2,4,7 will form Part I; items 3,5,6 to form Part II, and item 5 will be expanded and developed.

Chair to draft a further working paper for next meeting.

IV. PLAN TRIENNAL D'ACTIVITES (FCAR) (supported by documents SRC-87-02-05-D9; and SRC-87-02-05-D10).

4.1 Chair presented the draft response (SRC 87-02-05-D10)

4.2 Dr. Shizgal suggested that sentence one, on the second page of the response to the Plan Triennal be changed to express notion that Concordia believes in reinforcing areas of strength and training of researchers.

4.3 Document to be re-edited and distributed to Committee.

V. FORUM ON RESEARCH AND TEACHING

5.1 Dean Szabo stated that a meeting will be called for all people who made suggestions. Information will be provided through Graduate Studies News.

5.2 Dean Szabo announced that Mr. Kavanaugh from NSERC is visiting Concordia today.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Dean Parker expressed concern that article in Thursday Report of 22-01-87 "A New Man in a New Job" did not show fair portrayal of Fine Arts & Humanities faculties, particularly with reference to "scientific research". Chair agreed with Dean's statement and the fact that there is a tendency to associate `research' only with Science, which is the reason he prefers to use the term `scholarship and research'.

6.2 Meeting time for Senate Research Committee was discussed. It was agreed that Senate Research Committee meetings would be held monthly, on Thursdays, between 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.